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Mr. Robert B. Conrad
Assistant Commissioner for Communications
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Conrad:

In response to your letter of 7 July 1966 to the Director of Central Intelligence, a careful review has been made of this Agency's possible interest in certain types of communications service. The following comments are keyed to the proposed types of service which the Federal Telecommunications System might provide:

a. A cryptographically secure common user voice service does appear desirable to complement the existing Washington area secure voice network. We would anticipate requirements to selected individual subscribers within the Atomic Energy Commission, Bureau of the Budget, Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Justice. With such a facility it might be appropriate for this Agency to connect trunk lines between our switch and a General Services Administration switch.

b. This Agency has no interest in unsecured video transmissions. At the present time, CIA is a member of a secured facsimile network to the intelligence community in the Washington area.

c. The nature of this Agency's activities is such that a privacy telephone system, as opposed to a secure system, is of limited value.

CIA has been working very closely with the National Communications System in the development of the Interim Washington Area Secure Voice Communications System and we assume any GSA proposal to provide a common user service to minor

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Sincerely,

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman

R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

cc: Executive Director-Comptroller
Director of Logistics

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COORDINATION:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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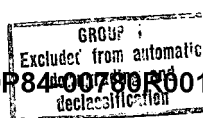
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Sincerely,

R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

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TO: Mr. Bannerman (via Mr. Warfield)		
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REMARKS:		
<p>Recommend your signature.</p> <p><i>Miriam -</i></p> <p><i>If Mr. Bannerman</i> <i>doesn't get to sign this by</i> <i>28 July, please return to</i> <i>me. AMa</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>VT</i> VRT</p>		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

Will you please work with the Office of Logistics as appropriate and prepare a response to this letter from Mr. Conrad. The response should be for the signature of the Deputy Director for Support with a copy to the Executive Director-Comptroller.

A copy of Mr. Conrad's letter and this note has been forwarded to the Director of Logistics.

SIGNED Alan M. Warfield

Alan M. Warfield

Att

Cy of Ltr dtd 7 Jul 66 to the DCI fr
Assistant Commissioner for Communi-
cations, GSA, re commo requirements.

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE 11 July 1966
TO: Deputy Director for Support		
ROOM NO. 7 D 18	BUILDING HQ	
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FROM: O/Executive Director/		
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION *DO/S 46-3562**Transportation and Communications Service**Washington, D.C. 20405*

IN REPLY REFER TO:

July 7, 1966

Honorable Richard M. Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Federal Telecommunications System, as maintained by the General Services Administration, seeks to satisfy the communication needs of all the participating agencies. In order to perform this function properly, it is essential that we analyze the latest techniques and equipment which might produce increased economy and efficiency in Government operations. Accordingly, we have been requested to identify requirements for certain specialized communications systems that may prove to be advantageous, provided sufficient need is exhibited by the participating agencies. Among these are the following:

1. A cryptographically secure common user voice service with conferencing capability;
2. Video transmissions of subject matter (diagrams, specifications, charts, etc.) being discussed over the long distance telephone; and,
3. A service which will permit telephone discussions of private matters without fear of disclosure to unauthorized persons.

In order to continue further with our investigations, we must know which agencies have an interest in these services. Therefore, we are requesting a letter giving us an indication of your agency's interest in these services.

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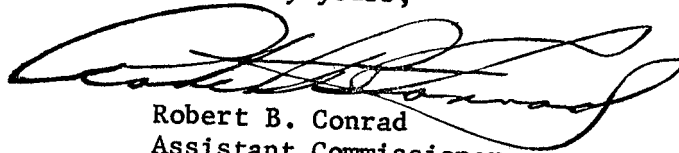
Recognizing that there are many factors which preclude commitments from agencies at this time, the information furnished in response to this request should be considered for further discussion purposes only. If specific requirements are not presently known, it would be helpful if you could indicate potential applications for the service or services desired. When we have accumulated all information from the interested agencies, we will arrange for individual or group discussions relevant to these matters.

It would be appreciated if your reply could be forwarded to the address below by July 30, 1966. Negative replies are also desired to complete survey statistics. Information concerning your secure voice requirements should be marked "For Official Use Only" or classified consistent with the classification requirements of your agency.

General Services Administration
Transportation and Communications
Service
Office of Communications
Planning and Requirements Division
Washington, D. C. 20405

Queries relative to this request may be directed to the address above or may be made by telephone to Government dial code 183-4842 (343-4842).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Conrad", written in a cursive style.

Robert B. Conrad
Assistant Commissioner
for Communications

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

12 July 1966


TO: Mr. Warfield

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about this and agrees to prepare
*the reply.*VRT
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